



# Withdrawal of the UK from the EU and Challenges for Irish Agriculture

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## Brexit challenges

- Trade impact
- North-South agri-supply chains
- Potential negative impact on the CAP
- Market diversification and critical role of innovation

# Pre and post Brexit UK vs EU

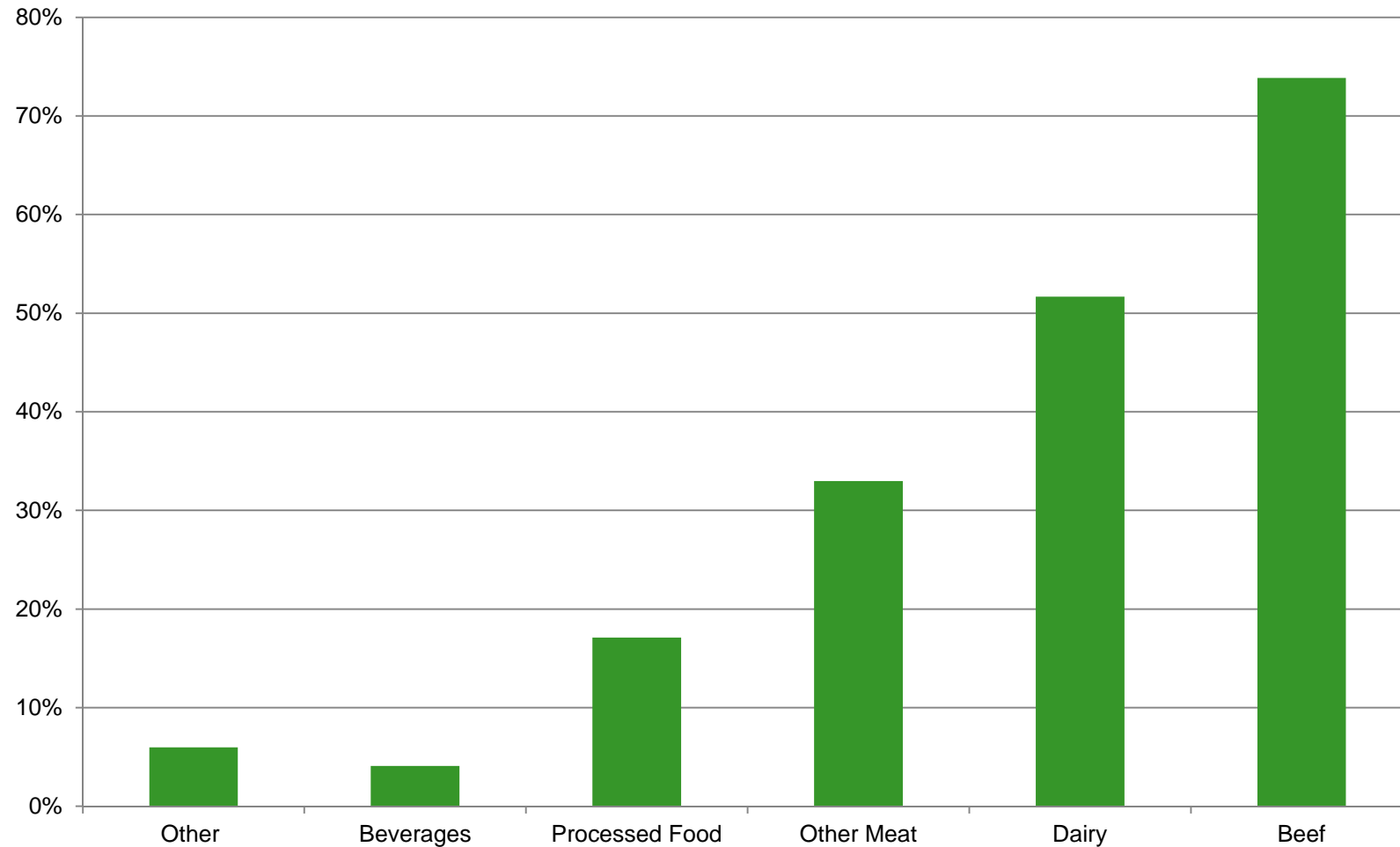
## ■ Pre Brexit

- Regulatory frameworks the same
- No customs procedures apply to trade
- No tariffs levied on trade

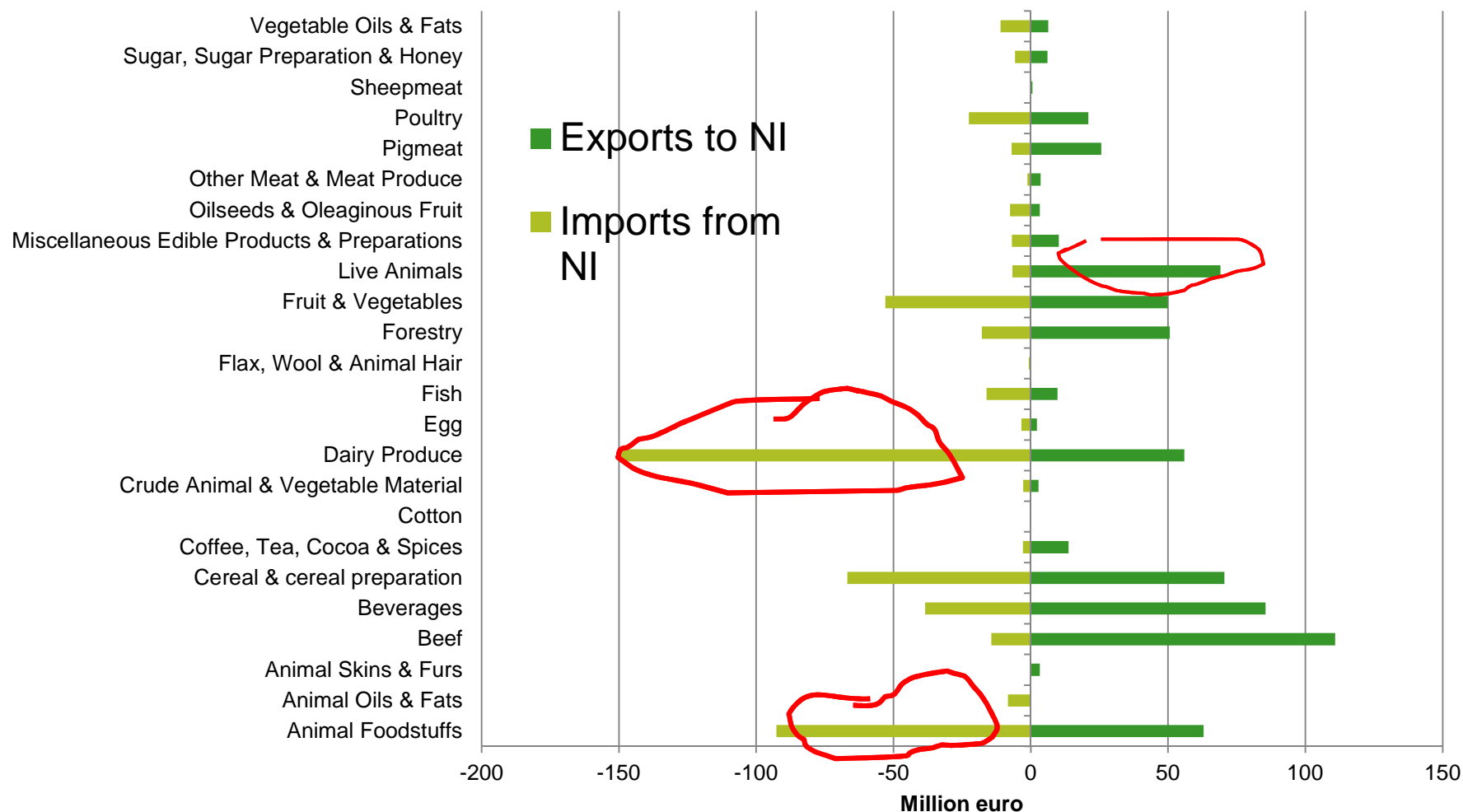
## ■ Post Brexit

- Regulatory frameworks will diverge => extra costs
- UK move outside of Customs Union => extra costs
- UK exit from EU could => Tariffs => extra costs

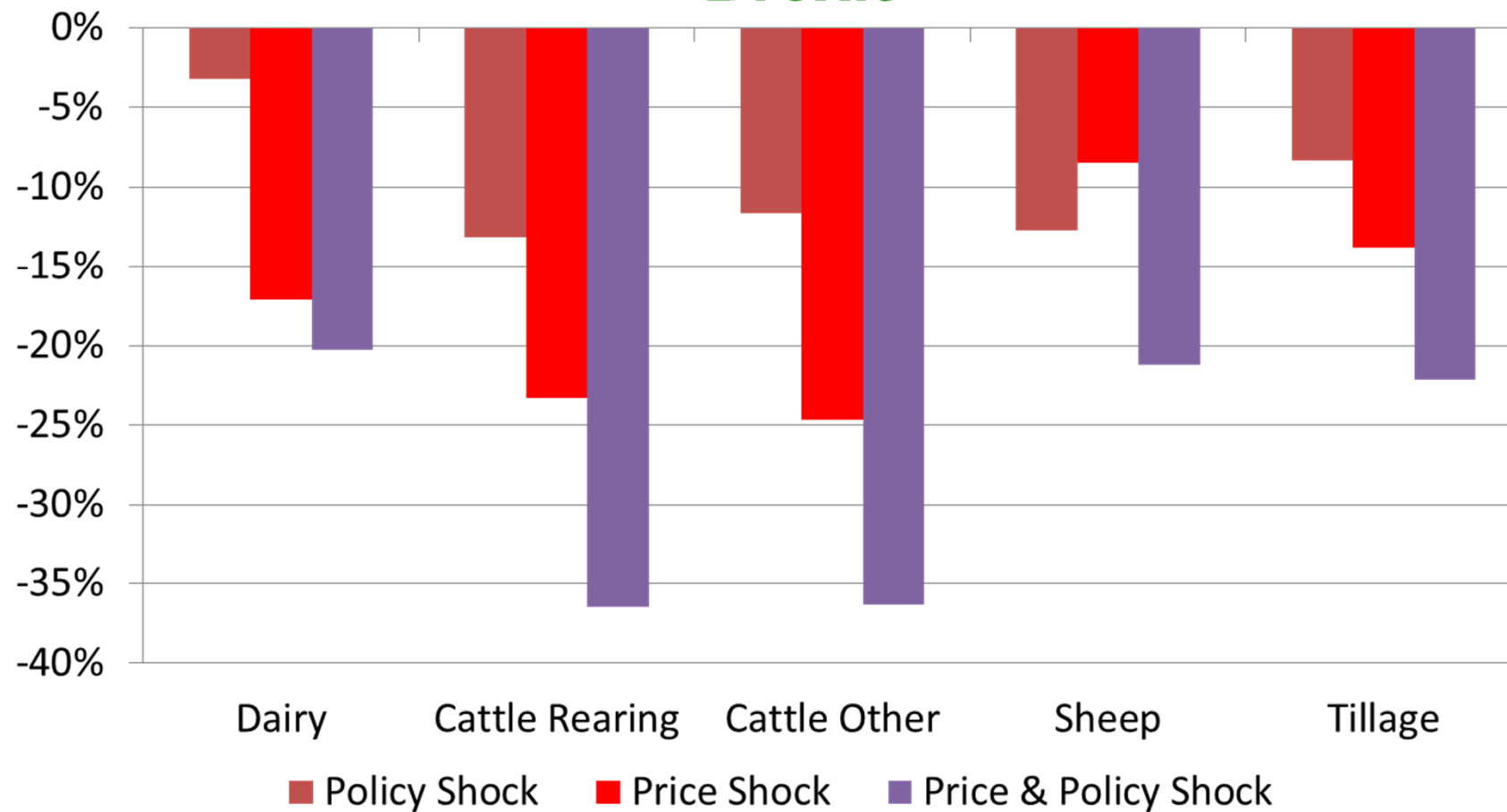
# Estimated potential tariffs (%) on UK food imports of 'hard' Brexit



# Ireland and Northern Ireland agri-food trade 2016



# Potential impact on farm incomes of 'hard' Brexit

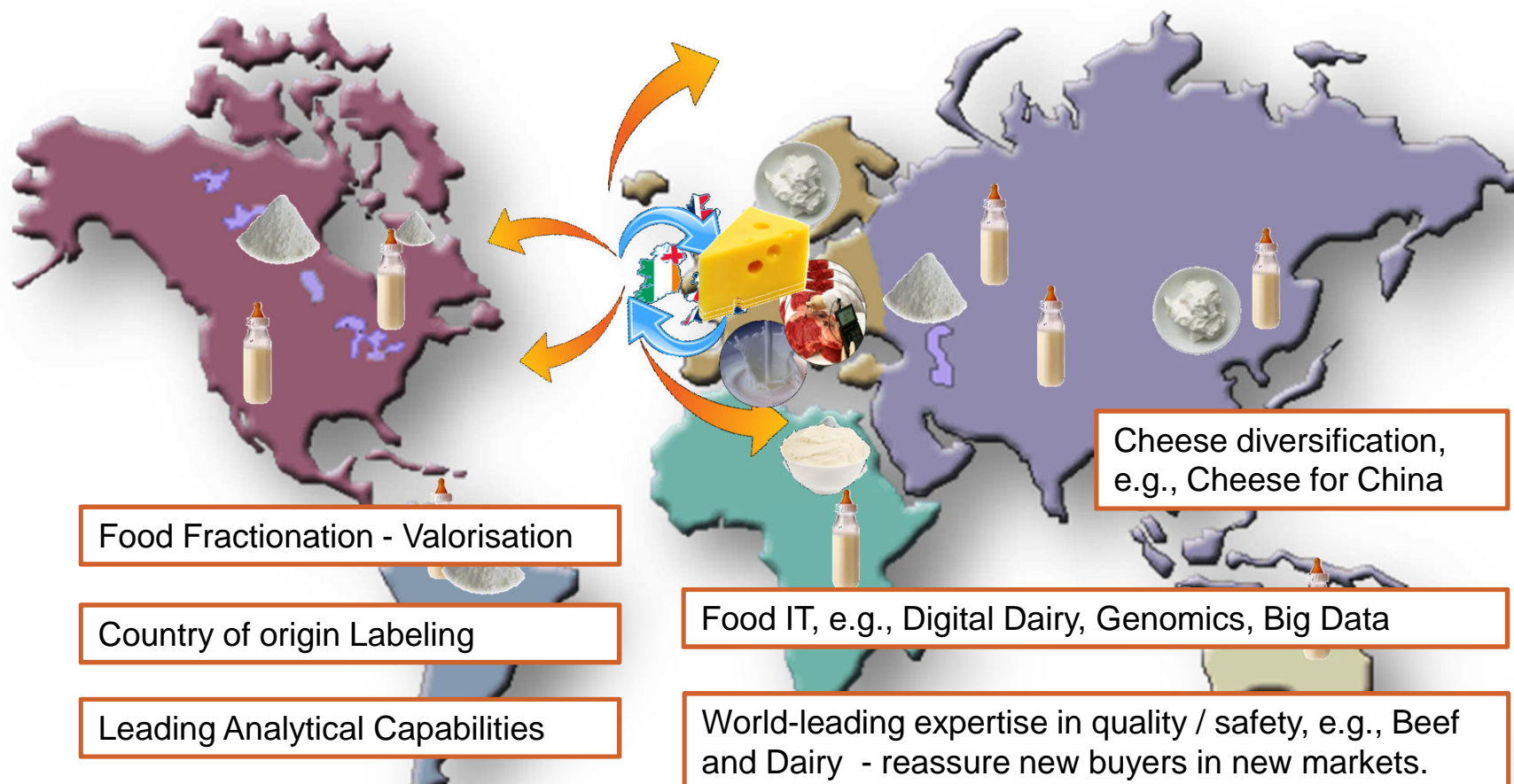


# Brexit Innovation critical to market diversification

Technologies to extend shelf life to reach far away markets

SMART ingredients – nutritional base for foodstuffs in markets beyond the UK

SMART ingredients!



# Conclusions

- Magnitude of the competitiveness challenge created by Brexit still unknown
  - Will depend on outcome of the process
- Research, Knowledge Transfer and Education provided by Teagasc will be critical in enabling the Irish agri-food sector to survive and thrive despite Brexit
- Increased emphasis and resources for activities that augment the efficiency, productivity and innovative capacity of the Irish agri-food sector necessary